



**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 2611**

**US/N 09/538,602**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Brian P. Dougherty et al.	Examiner:	Matthew R. Demicco
Serial No.:	09/538,602	Group Art Unit:	2611
Filed:	March 29, 2000	Docket No.:	2050.032US1
Title:	USING THE ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE TO SYNCHRONIZE INTERACTIVITY WITH BROADCAST PROGRAMS		

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT FOR REASONS OF ALLOWANCE**

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These comments are in response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowance mailed on September 15, 2005.

The Examiner indicates that claims 36 and 37 disclose "the timing offsets from the external source wherein the external source is a remote server, and receiving the timing offsets comprises: receiving an email containing the timing offsets via network connection from the remote server." Applicants respectfully submit that these elements are not recited in claims 36 or 37.

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney 352-373-8804 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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